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- 1. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION THERE IS NO WARSAW PACT MEETING PLANNED FOR EARLY JUNE. THERE WILL BE A VISIT BY SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV NOW SCHEDULED FOR END OF MAY, BUT ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES THIS WILL BE A STRICTLY BILATERAL AFFAIR AND NOT REPEAT NOT A WARSAW PACT SUMMIT.
- 2. IF PEMSTEIN WISHES TO APPLY FOR VISA TO COVER THE BILATERAL BREZHNEV VISIT, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT HIS APPLICATION.
- 3. FYI: GOC REFUSED TO GIVE ERIC BOURNE, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN PRAGUE, AN EXTENSION TO HIS VISA WHICH WILL EXPIRE PRIOR TO BREZHNEV ARRIVAL. HE, THEREFORE, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER VISIT. THIS REFUSAL, ACROSS THE BACKGROUND OF A CURRENT TIGHTENING OF INTERNAL CONTROLS AND FREEZING OF US-GOC RELATIONS, LEAVES US LESS THAN SANGUINE THAT PEMSTEIN'S VISA WILL BE GRANTED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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